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1. IN ORDER TO AVOID POINTLESS "NUMBERS GAME", IN FUTURE DEPARTMENT MUST REGRETFULLY DECLINE TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO INCREASING AND UNNECESSARY DEMANDS OF GOP FOR DETAILED ACCOUNTING OF US-FINANCED PROJECTS IN POLAND. THESE DEMANDS APPEAR TO HAVE ORIGINATED IN MOST CASES WITH CHOW-ANIEC, WHO MAY FIND REQUESTED DATA CONVENIENT BUT WHO DOES NOT APPEAR TO APPRECIATE WORK INVOLVED FOR US AGENCIES IN MEETING HIS DEMANDS. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED THEREFORE TO RESIST STRENUOUSLY SUCH UNNECESSARY DEMANDS IN FUTURE.

2. OCTOBER 7, 1974 GANLEY LETTER TO CHOWANIEC STATED CLEARLY BASIS FOR FIGURE CONTAINED IN US-POLISH FUNDING

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AGREEMENT OF OCTOBER 8, 1974, AND IS QUOTED BELOW FOR READY

REFERENCE:

"DURING NEGOTIATION OF THE US-POLISH AGREEMENT ON THE FUNDING OF COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF OCTOBER 8, 1974, YOU ASKED HOW WE CALCULATED THE FIGURE OF ZLOTYS INCLUDED IN ARTICLE I, PARAGRAPH 2. THE FIGURE WAS ARRIVED AT AS FOLLOWS:

DURING THE U.S. FISCAL YEARS 1974 THROUGH 1978, U.S.

AGENCIES WERE EXPECTED TO HAVE AVAILABLE FOR THE U.S.-POLISH SCIENCE PROGRAM APPROXIMATELY \$30.8 MILLION IN ZLOTY EQUIVALENT. IN FY 1974, UNITED STATES AGENCIES OBLIGATED \$9.7 MILLION IN ZLOTY EQUIVALENT, LEAVING AN UNCOMMITTED BALANCE OF \$21.1 MILLION. TO THIS AMOUNT THERE HAS BEEN ADDED AN ADDITIONAL \$10 MILLION IN ZLOTY EQUIVALENT FOR ENERGY AND ENERGY-RELATED RESEARCH, MAKING A TOTAL OF \$31.1 MILLION. FROM THIS BALANCE WERE DEDUCTED \$3.1 MILLION IN ZLOTY EQUIVALENT FOR PURPOSES OF TRAVEL AND OTHER ANTICIPATED COSTS TO BE PAID DIRECTLY BY THE UNITED STATES AGENCIES ENGAGED IN THE U.S.-POLISH SCIENCE PROGRAM. THERE REMAINED A BALANCE OF ABOUT \$28.0 MILLION. ALL DOLLAR EQUIVALENT AMOUNTS ABOVE REPRESENT FIXED AMOUNTS OF ZLOTYS, WITH THE DOLLAR EQUIVALENT COMPUTED AT THE OFFICIAL POLISH RATE OF 19.92 ZLOTYS TO THE DOLLAR, THE RATE AT WHICH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS IT CAN BUY ZLOTYS FOR DOLLARS FROM POLISH BANKING FACILITIES."

3. THIS IS THE ONLY ACCOUNTING WE PLAN TO MAKE OF USG DIRECTLY-FINANCED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT FUND.

4. IN VIEW OF THIS CLEAR STATEMENT (PARA 2 ABOVE) AND ACCEPTANCE BY CHOWANIEC IN HIS LETTER OF OCTOBER 8, 1974, "SINCERELY HELD, POLISH APPREHENSION" (WARSAW 183) DIFFICULT TO FATHOM ALTHOUGH DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES FULLY DIFFICULTIES ATTENDANT IN MOVING FROM UNILATERAL U.S. TO JOINT FUNDING OF S&T PROGRAM.

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5. FYI: DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUM OF FIGURES GIVEN IN PARA 1.C. OF WARSAW 183 AND FIGURE CONTAINED IN PENULTIMATE PARA OF STATE 9096 SEEMS TO BE DUE TO FACT THAT FORMER FIGURES DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT PAYMENTS ALREADY MADE IN FY-74. END FYI. BUT ANY ATTEMPT TO RECONCILE THESE TWO FIGURES ON BOOKS OF POLES AND BOOKS OF THE MANY U.S. AGENCIES INVOLVED WOULD NOT BE PARTICULARLY FRUITFUL NOR CONDUCIVE TO MOVING AHEAD ON ESTABLISHING JOINT FUND.

6. WITH RESPECT TO CHOWANIEC REQUEST AS TO WHICH PROJECTS FALL IN CATEGORY OF NEW PROJECTS SIGNED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 8, 1974 FOR WHICH FUNDS HAD NOT BEEN OBLIGATED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 8, 1974 ON THE BOOKS OF USG AGENCIES, DEPARTMENT'S BEST ESTIMATE REPEAT ESTIMATE IS THAT THEY ARE THE PROJECTS DESCRIBED IN VARIOUS TELEGRAMS TO WARSAW IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 5 AND IMMEDIATELY SUCCEEDING PARA OF JOINT BOARD DECISION DOCUMENT OF DECEMBER 6, 1974.

7. IN ORDER THAT JOINT FUND MAY BE ESTABLISHED IN FACT BY USG AGENCY AND GOP DEPOSITS, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S STRESSING TO GOP IMPORTANCE OF OUR RECEIVING WORD SOONEST WHICH PROJECTS GOP IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 5 AND IMMEDIATELY SUCCEEDING PARA OF DECISION DOCUMENT.

8. EMBASSY SHOULD CONVEY TO GOP FEELING HERE IS THAT GOP HAS BEEN FOOTDRAGGING AND THUS IS DELAYING IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT FUND. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO MOVE AHEAD NOW IN BOTH SPIRIT AND LANGUAGE OF JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT AND SIMILAR ATTITUDE AND ACTIONS OF GOP OFFICIALS WOULD ASSIST IMMEASURABLY IN PROCEEDING TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES OF JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT. KISSINGER

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